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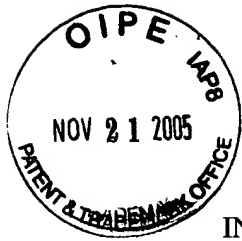
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**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 27-31 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 and 6-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) under Crane et al. Crane has been cited as teaching all of the claim limitations of, for example, claim 1, but the office action admits that Crane fails to disclose, returning the authentication code to the authentication unit. The office action admits that Crane discloses that merely a simple yes or no is returned that is digitally signed. However, the office action states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to send the returned authentication code instead of the yes/no answer. However, such a modification to Crane would cause Crane to